

Departmental Presentations  
Little Rock Parks and Recreation





## I. OPERATIONS

- Expanded Maintenance: Improve parks maintenance from Class “C” to Class “B”.
  - Current Park Inventory: Over 6,000 acres and 59 parks.
  - Class C: Allows parks to be mowed 1 to 2 times per month.
  - Class B: Will allow parks to be mowed 2 to 3 times per month.



- **EXPANDED MAINTENANCE**

- **Staffing:**

- **Full Time (24 positions)**

**9 Vacancies (9 filled)**

**15 New Positions**

**5 Currently Filled**

**10 Vacant**



- **THE CENTRE AT UNIVERSITY PARK**
  - **Staffing:**
    - **Full Time**  
One (1) Recreation Supervisor - Filled
    - **Part Time Activity Supervisors**  
(Personnel to be hired Spring of 2013)



- **OTTENHEIMER CENTER**

- **Staff: Currently Existing**
  - Small amount of funds allocated for Utilities, Supplies, maintenance and contracts.

**UPDATE:**

**Center operational as of August 25, 2012**



- MACARTHUR MUSEUM OF ARKANSAS  
MILITARY HISTORY
  - Staffing:
    - One Full Time Position  
Outreach Coordinator (Filled)



- **WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Projected Operation Date: 2014 –**  
Staff will be hired in 2014.



## Department Summaries

### II. 2012 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements

- The Centre at University Park
- Annual Park Upgrades
- West Central Community Center and Pool
- War Memorial Park
- MacArthur Park
- Natural Steps Ball Complex
- Otter Creek Park
- Western Hills Park
- Crump Park
- Trails
- Ottenheimer Center



- **The Centre at University Park: \$3,220,000**
  - Funding sources from insurance and tax proceeds
  - Rebuilt center will have 15,000 square feet of similar spaces in previous structure with emphasis on better communication technology and programs for 25 to 45 year old population set

## **UPDATE:**

Construction is currently underway. Estimated construction time is 8 months.



- Annual Park Upgrades: \$4.5 million over 10 years
  - Funding upgrades for all parks facilities as well as accommodating ADA requirements

## UPDATE:

- Park improvements implemented as funds accumulate to sufficient level.



- **West Central Community Center and Pool:**  
**\$6 million**
  - Community Center will have approximately 24,000 square feet and provide life style, leisure and educational choices for families. Also, an outdoor pool facility is planned.

## **UPDATE:**

Selection committee currently reviewing proposals for architect and construction manager

Surrounding lands are under investigation for acquisition to lend towards center's expansion. Construction Target: 2014



- War Memorial Park: \$500,000 over 10 years
  - Continue to implement War Memorial Park Master Plan improvements:
    - Improve Coleman Creek, complete 1 mile trail loop, construct roundabout, upgrade entrance off of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, acquire additional lands as needed

## UPDATE:

On-going.



- MacArthur Park: \$500,000 over 10 years
  - Continue to implement MacArthur Park Master Plan Improvements.

**As Sales Tax funds are accumulated, they will be used to continue implementation of the park master plan which include: Pond reconfiguration and construction of amphitheater, improvements to game courts, play area, open fields and trails.**

## UPDATE:

On-going.



- Natural Steps Ball Complex: \$500,000 over 10 years
  - Continue implementation of Master Plan which calls for nine new soccer fields supported with new restroom and concessions building, trails, pavilions, fishing piers and park amenities

## UPDATE:

LWCF grant under consideration.

Currently seeking a community partnership to assist in master plan development.



- Otter Creek Park: \$500,000 over 10 years
  - Allows for construction of two additional soccer fields, pavilions, parking, restroom and concessions building as well as expanding fishing pond

## UPDATE:

Working with LR Futbol Club to coordinate improvements.

Park amenities to be developed as funding becomes available



- Western Hills Park: \$1 million over 10 years
  - Continue to work with public to prepare a master plan for a comprehensive development. Potential improvements can be soccer and baseball fields, open play fields, pavilions, trails, fishing piers and supporting amenities.

## UPDATE:

On-going.



- Crump Park: \$1 million over 10 years
  - Study and design new pond facility to expand fishing opportunities and aesthetic impact

Implementation pending accumulation of funds

UPDATE:

On-going.



- Trails: \$1.5 million
  - Utilize funding to leverage as grant match for Arkansas River Trail

## UPDATE:

Biddable documents for repair of River Trail landslide currently underway.



## Ottenheimer Center: \$54,000

- Provides for initial purchase of furniture and IT equipment

Final completion of the facility is underway involving civil work, painting, finish work and furnishing - opening in July 2012

### UPDATE:

Completed as of August 25, 2012